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THE UNION LEAGUE

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICERS ELECTED DECEMBER 13, 1897.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 13, 1897.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND PUBLICATION.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY REAL ESTATE BOARD.

IN MEMORIAM.

RESIGNATIONS.

1897.

BROAD STREET

BETWEEN CHESTNUT AND WALNUT STREETS.

Organized December 27, 1862.

Incorporated March 30, 1864.

House, 1118 Chestnut Street, opened January 22, 1863.

House, 1216 Chestnut Street, opened August 18, 1864.

Present House opened May 11, 1865.

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ELECTED DECEMBER 13, 1897.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of The Union League of Philadelphia was held at eight o'clock on Monday evening, December 13, 1897, with the President, C. Stuart Patterson, Esq., in the chair and J. Levering Jones, Esq., as Secretary.

The President called the meeting to order and announced as the first business the reading of the minutes of the last preceding annual meeting and an adjourned meeting.

On motion of Warren G. Griffith, Esq., the reading was dispensed with, without objection.

The President then stated that the next business in order would be the reading of the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Directors.

On motion of Mr. James Butterworth, who explained that it had already been printed and distributed among the members, the reading of the report was dispensed with, without objection.

Mr. James Butterworth.—Mr. President, I desire to call attention to that portion of the report of the Board of Directors which refers to an indebtedness of $16,257.05 left by the House Committee of '96, which Committee I had the honor to serve as Secretary.

It is necessary to bear in mind that there is an anomalous condition in respect to the accounts of The Union League; the fiscal year ending with December 1, while the term of service of the House Committee did not expire until the 15th of

December, or the day subsequent to the annual election. There is no question whatever regarding the condition of affairs December 1st, 1896, namely, that all bills had been paid, including wages of employees, etc., and that there was a balance of $147.91 to the credit of The Union League. The contention covers the period between December 1st and 15th. As the practice of the Committee of '96 was to pay its bills twice each month, namely, after the 15th and 31st, and as our term of office expired on the 15th of December, the accounts were not in and of course could not be settled. I may say, by way of parenthesis, that heretofore the League has had no difficulty in obtaining at least thirty days' credit, and I am at a loss to understand what has occurred recently to require an almost immediate settlement of accounts.

There was an indebtedness incurred between the 1st and 15th of December, 1896, because every department of The Union League was in full operation, supplies were purchased, help was employed, and these matters meant that money would be needed; but it was not necessary that the whole amount of the money should be in the treasury when the control passed from one House Committee to another. No creditor was demanding payment or threatening suit. Why then should there be so much concern, and why is it necessary, nearly a year later, to refer to it in a published report, by which the previous Committee is discredited among the membership of The Union League?

From December 1st to December 15th we received from the members $8969.73; which, with $147.91, the balance as per last year's report, made the total cash $9117.64. We paid for market bills $2931.41, leaving a balance of $6186.23; which, according to the statement I hold in my hand (and which was prepared for the present House Committee by its accountant), was on deposit at the Penn National Bank, in account No. 1, and available for the general expenses of The Union League.

December 15th, 1896, there was due from the membership, for restaurant and other accounts, $6342.61.

The Committee claims $5451.67 for cigars, which were purchased in consequence of a threatened scarcity due to the continuance of the war in Cuba. That this was an extraordinary purchase is shown by the fact that during the two weeks there were also bought other cigars amounting to $1189.19. All of these, with perhaps the exception of a very few indeed, were in the possession of the League at the time our Committee vacated office, and were subsequently sold, forming a portion of the receipts for 1897.

In addition, we might claim credit for fifteen days' proportion of the receipts of the eleven months of 1897. Bear in mind that the only income the House Committee has is from the dues of the membership, and these are received as a rule between January 1st and March 1st, and the first fifteen days of December are as much a part of the fiscal year of 1897 as the first fifteen days of October. In fact, the present Committee recognizes this, as you will notice upon referring to page 26 of the report. The first three items, however, aggregate $18,050.51, and will more than cover the indebtedness claimed in the report.

Now, as the history of The Union League is compiled from the annual reports, the Committee of '96 does not feel as if this imputation, which appears in the present report, should continue; and I therefore move that so much of the report as refers to the matter be expunged.

The President.—The Chair desires to state, in reply to that which has just been stated by Mr. Butterworth, that if that gentleman had more carefully read the report which he criticises he would be of the opinion, and if he had read to The Union League the passage to which he takes exception The Union League would be of the opinion, that there is not one word of criticism therein upon the House Committee of the preceding administration. In order to make that fact more apparent I propose to read the statement in the report to which Mr. Butterworth has taken exception. That statement (page 9 of the report) is as follows: "It is necessary to state that on

December 16, 1896, the date when the present House Committee took charge, the unpaid bills and accounts for supplies and equipment then due amounted to $16,257.03. This sum, in order to ascertain the actual amount of expenses incurred by the present House Committee up to the close of the present year, should be deducted from their apparent expenses for that year, which will then show the following statement." The items are then given in detail.

It will be remembered that The Union League was passing from an old system of business to a new system of business. Under the By-Law which was adopted by The Union League at the last annual meeting, it was directed that the fiscal year, instead of terminating upon the 30th of November, should terminate upon the 31st of October, and therefore that its first fiscal year under the new arrangement should consist of eleven months. The report simply states the total of unpaid bills and accounts on the date when the present House Committee took charge. With respect to the previous Committee the statement is, as I have read, simply that the bills which had been contracted by that Committee, not for any improper but for an eminently proper purpose, viz., "for supplies and equipment," amounted to the sum stated; and there is not a semblance or a thought of criticism of the action of the Committee in incurring that indebtedness. The report then goes on to give a detailed statement of the total expenses incurred by the present House Committee.

I am willing to leave to any fair-minded man to say whether, in what I have read, there is any word of criticism of the preceding House Committee. Is it to be objected to the administration of The Union League that they tell The Union League what the precise condition of the accounts of The Union League is? You are entitled to know just exactly how much money you owe, how much you have owed at any time, and precisely what your expenses are; and I submit that The Union League would have just reason to feel aggrieved against

the present administration if the truth, and the whole truth, as to the finances had not been told.

Now, I want to say further that no man who knows Mr. Plumb or Mr. Butterworth, or any one of the gentlemen who served with them upon the House Committee, would dream for one moment of imputing to them any failure in their duty to The Union League; and I hope that Mr. Butterworth will relieve his mind of the impression that there is in this report that which ought to cause anybody to have any feeling of criticism toward his committee.

Mr. Butterworth has read his statement, and I want to say, on behalf of the Board (which has not yet gone out of office), that the Board will take great pleasure in printing Mr. Butterworth's statement and in mailing it to every member of The Union League, so that the members can see exactly what has been said on the subject. I am perfectly confident that, when they read that statement in connection with the report of the Board, the members of The Union League will see that Mr. Butterworth has been unduly solicitous.

After the explanation by the Chair, Mr. Butterworth did not insist upon having his motion acted upon, and the subject was not at the time further considered.

The next business in order was the presentation of the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor. The President explained that these had been printed and sent to the members.

On motion of Warren G. Griffith, Esq., the reports were received and the reading of them dispensed with, without objection.

The President then took up the subject of "New Business," and stated that proposed amendments to the By-Laws would be considered.

He read the following amendment, which had been moved by Dimner Beeber, Esq., and duly posted:

"Notice is hereby given that at the annual meeting of The Union League of Philadelphia, to be held on the second Monday in December, 1897, at 8 P.M., it will be moved to amend Section 8 of Article VI. of the By-Laws,

by the insertion of the word 'fifty' after the words 'one hundred,' so that the same will read: 'Section 8. There shall not be at any time more than one hundred and fifty active life members.'"

Henry E. Garsed, Esq., seconded the amendment.

DIMNER BEEBER, ESQ.—Mr. President, I move the adoption of this amendment because I think the management of The Union League has found that the action on this subject last year has given full satisfaction to the League. I think I can safely say that the establishment of the active life membership list a year ago has been attended with a most happy result, and that it is within the exercise of a very wise discretion to increase that membership at least by the number of fifty.

Mr. William E. Lockwood moved to amend the pending amendment so as "to increase the active life membership one hundred, making it two hundred," and adding: "Members who have been continuous members for twenty-five years or more may become active life members upon payment of one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Said members shall take precedence for two months after the adoption of this amendment."

MR. BEEBER.—I rise to a point of order—that the amendment just offered introduces so many new features and involves such a material alteration of the amendment that has been posted that it cannot be considered by the League, in view of the fact that it has not been posted for the requisite number of days.

The Chair decided the point of order well taken.

COL. R. DALE BENSON.—Every one must appreciate the active life membership provision in affording revenue for a permanent fund and contributing to the annual income. As shown by the report of the Board of Directors, $75,000 of indebtedness has been paid off, and since the report was published $10,000 additional has been paid. I call attention to the fact that the establishment of the active life membership department has been largely instrumental in bringing about this satisfactory financial result. I am, I know, sustained in

these expressions by the entire Board of Directors of The Union League.

After some further discussion the meeting proceeded to vote on Mr. Beeber's amendment, and it was thereupon adopted by more than two thirds of those present.

Warren G. Griffith, Esq., moved the following amendment to the By-Laws: Amend Section 1 of Article VI. so that, instead of reading as at present, viz., "Section 1. The name, residence and occupation of every candidate for membership shall be registered by the nominating member over his own signature," it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The name, residence and occupation of every candidate for membership registered after December 31, 1897, shall be over the signature of at least two members, one as the proposer and the other as the endorser, and both shall be personally acquainted with the candidate."

MR. GRIFFITH.—In moving the adoption of the amendment I quote a short paragraph from the report of the Board of Directors, as follows: "A conference was held by your Board with the Committee on Membership, on February 14, 1897, and there followed a discussion upon the rules governing admission to membership in The Union League. The result of the consideration of the subject was that an amendment will be submitted for your determination." Then follows the text of the amendment which is now pending.

I have not the honor to be the author of this amendment. It comes here with the recommendation of the Board and of the Membership Committee. It is, therefore, unnecessary for me to do more than ask for its adoption.

H. E. Garsed, Esq., seconding the amendment, said: "In explanation of the amendment, I will state that the Committee on Membership has found many cases in which gentlemen were proposed for admission where the proposer did not even know the applicant; and the explanation he gave, when interrogated about it, was, 'I did it to oblige somebody who couldn't propose him.' It is simply to obviate that practice that this amendment should be made."

The President here took the vote, when the amendment as proposed by Mr. Griffith was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The President took up, as next in order, an amendment to the By-Laws proposed by Mr. Lockwood, as follows:

"Whereas The Union League was organized December 27, 1863, and incorporated, the better to carry out the purposes of its organization, on March 30, 1864;

"*Resolved*, That The Union League accepts the new Constitution of the state of Pennsylvania (of 1874), and agrees to be bound thereby."

Mr. Wm. E. Lockwood.—Mr. President, the issue of constitutionality presented by this amendment applies strictly to the granting of charters, as I think that all the people of the state ought to be equally bound by the constitution of the state.

General Louis Wagner.—Mr. President, this question is one of much importance. We should consider what we already have and what it has been suggested we should take in the place of what we have. The Union League has a most valuable franchise in the shape of a charter, a more liberal one than it would be possible to secure at this time; and the simple and only question before us to-night is whether we are prepared to surrender the rights and privileges that come to this corporation by reason of its charter and voluntarily put ourselves under the control of the new constitution of Pennsylvania, with all its restrictions and all its deprivations of the rights and privileges which The Union League has now. To state that proposition, I think, is to answer it.

Therefore I hope that in all seriousness upon a question of as great moment as this one, we will dispose of the resolution by defeating it. (Cries for a vote.)

The President took the vote upon the question, when Mr. Lockwood's resolution was rejected—Mr. Lockwood alone voting in the affirmative.

The President stated the question on the remaining amendment to the By-Laws, as proposed by Mr. W. E. Lockwood, viz.:

"The Union League, in furtherance of the purposes of its organization, shall take part in national, state and local municipal politics. (Moved in accordance with Article VI., Section 1.)"

MR. ISAAC M. LOUGHEAD.—I move that Mr. Lockwood's amendment be laid on the table.

Several members seconded the motion.

A vote being taken, the motion was carried.

A motion for a recess was here made.

THE PRESIDENT.—Before the recess is taken, the Chair desires to present a supplementary statement on the finances, which was furnished to him to-day by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. It is as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1897.

C. Stuart Patterson, Esq., President of The Union League of Philadelphia, Pa.

MY DEAR MR. PATTERSON:—In accordance with your request I have the pleasure to report that up to and including Sunday, the 12th inst., the balance due by members for restaurant account, etc., is $6,373 38

And the amount of present deficit in the League's bank account after signing vouchers for all bills up to and including Sunday, the 12th inst., and including also the amount borrowed, is $5,096 62

Less amount of cash now in office, . . . 1,500 00

3,596 62

Thus showing a balance in favor of the League of . . . $2,776 76

Yours truly,

HARRY F. WEST.

SILAS W. PETTIT, ESQ.—Mr. President, I think it is due to Mr. Butterworth that some formal action should be taken upon the suggestion which was made by him earlier in the evening. Therefore I offer the following:

"Whereas the system of keeping and stating the accounts of The Union League has been changed by the action of the last annual meeting of The Union League, and the change has resulted in an apparent difference in the results of the year; therefore

"*Resolved*, That The Union League hereby expresses its full confidence in the action and report of the House Committee of the year 1896."

THE PRESIDENT.—The Chair asks to be considered as having vacated his position for a moment in order to second that resolution. He hopes that it will be unanimously adopted.

After taking the vote, which was wholly in the affirmative, the Chair added: The resolution is unanimously adopted. (Applause.)

MR. WM. E. LOCKWOOD.—Mr. President, I have here a resolution which I should have offered before this time, but I will offer it now.

The President read the resolution of Mr. Lockwood as follows:

"*Resolved*, That each page of the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the President and Board of Directors of The Union League, to its members, be turned over slowly, without reading; and if any member has an inquiry or suggestion to make, or a motion or resolution to offer,—which motions or resolutions shall be numbered, in their order, by the Secretary, and shall have precedence of consideration over all other business, in their order, after the reading of the report,—let him have the opportunity; otherwise than this, the reading be dispensed with."

SILAS W. PETTIT, ESQ.—Mr. President, that resolution might be very important to some future meeting, and inasmuch as you have gotten through with the present meeting very comfortably, I suggest to let some future meeting adopt it. So far as we are concerned, I move that it be laid on the table.

Several members seconded the motion.

Mr. W. Hastings addressed the Chair on the motion.

The President ruled that the motion was not debatable, and proceeded to take the vote, which resulted in the affirmative.

The motion was therefore tabled.

The President invited further business, but no response was made.

Whereupon at 9.20 o'clock, on motion of Mr. W. G. Griffith, a recess was ordered until 10.05 o'clock; the reassembling to be for the purpose of receiving the report of the tellers at the annual election.

Upon the expiration of the recess the meeting reassembled, when the report of the tellers was submitted.

The Secretary read the report of the tellers at the annual election, showing the result of the balloting to have been as follows:

President—C. Stuart Patterson, 862 votes.

Vice-Presidents—R. Dale Benson, 872; Harry F. West, 797; Joseph S. Neff, 784; Joseph G. Darlington, 672, and Wm. H. Hurley, 505 votes.

Directors—Edward I. Smith, 809; J. Albert Caldwell, 800; Charles S. Forsyth, 790; George R. Howell, 787; J. Levering Jones, 772; Alfred C. Harrison, 751; E. T. Stotesbury, 743; Henry E. Garsed, 719; Lincoln K. Passmore, 712; M. Riebenack, 708; Robert C. Lippincott, 703; Henry S. Grove, 659; Samuel Goodman, 558; Alfred F. Moore, 558; Henry C. Davis, 483; John C. Lowry, 458; Austin M. Purves, 451; Joseph Storm Patterson, 369; William G. Huey, 347; Rudolph Blankenburg, 299; T. Bennett Phillips, 205; Samuel A. Boyle, 195; William M. Greiner, 168; Wilson H. Brown, 150; Henry A. Ingram, 90 votes.

The following were declared elected:

President—C. Stuart Patterson, Esq.

Vice-Presidents—R. Dale Benson, Harry F. West, Joseph S. Neff, Joseph G. Darlington.

Directors—Edward I. Smith, J. Albert Caldwell, Charles S. Forsyth, George R. Howell, J. Levering Jones, Alfred C. Harrison, Henry E. Garsed, Lincoln K. Passmore, M. Riebenack, Robert C. Lippincott, Henry S. Grove, E. T. Stotesbury, Samuel Goodman, Alfred F. Moore, Henry C. Davis.

The tellers further reported that 1043 ballots were cast, of which one was illegal as to Vice-Presidents, one as to Directors, and that there were also nine ballots entirely illegal and not counted.

The report was signed by all the tellers—W. H. Miller, *Chairman*, Lewis W. Klahr, Wm. D. Supplee, A. L. Pennock,

Samuel M. Hyneman, Thomas A. Pearce, George H. Hill, Wm. L. Supplee, W. H. Steigerwalt, J. Warren Coulston, Jr., Harry W. Butterworth, James M. Bennett, S. P. Rotan.

On motion an adjournment was ordered.

J. LEVERING JONES,

Secretary.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, *November* 15, 1897.

To the Members of The Union League of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Board of Directors, obedient to the requirements of the By-Laws, respectfully present their report for the period extending from November 30, 1896, to October 31, 1897, the end of the fiscal year having, by the action of The Union League at its last annual meeting, been fixed as of the latter date, and the annual report directed to be made accordingly.

Besides its stated meetings, the Board held two special meetings: one to prepare for the details of the last annual meeting, and one to provide for the reception to be given to the President of the United States.

An adjourned meeting of The Union League was held on February 1, 1897, to consider the report of the Board of Directors upon the subject of the improvement of The Union League property, and the authorization of the issue of $25,000 of bonds remaining in the treasury.

Your Board reported to the meeting, in effect, that The Union League is now the owner of the whole square bounded by Broad Street, Fifteenth Street, Moravian Street and Sansom Street, with the exception of one small lot. That in their opinion the whole ground owned should be utilized for the

purposes of The Union League, and that the carrying of that scheme into execution would require the adoption, after careful consideration, of architectural plans for the improvement of the property as a whole, and the rigid adherence to the principle that no temporary improvements be made, the cost of which would be lost when the general improvement of the property should be completed, and they recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas it is in the opinion of The Union League desirable that there should be created a Board of members of The Union League, to be charged with the formation and execution, under the authority of The Union League and of its Board of Directors, of a general plan for the development and improvement of all the properties of The Union League;

And whereas it is desirable that the Board so created shall have a continuity of service and freedom from the changes of policy which possibly may result from the limited service of the members of the Board of Directors; therefore be it

Resolved, That there shall be created a Board, to be selected in the manner hereinafter set forth, and to exercise the powers hereinafter stated.

First. This Board shall be known as the Advisory Real Estate Board of The Union League.

Second. The Board shall be composed of nine members, six of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board hereby created shall continue during the pleasure of The Union League; and any member of the Board may at any time be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of The Union League.

Third. Five of the members of the Board shall be elected by ballot by the Board of Directors, either from the Directors or from other members of The Union League. The other four shall be elected in the manner following: The Board of Directors shall, at their meeting to be held on the ninth day of February, 1897, nominate from the members of The Union League, not members of the Board of Directors, twelve candidates, whose names shall be printed upon a ballot in alphabetical order. Copies of this ballot shall be sent to every member of The Union League with the request that each member of The Union League signify his preference by erasing from the printed ballot eight names, and that he return the ballot within ten days to the Secretary of The Union League. It shall then be the duty of the Secretary to count the ballots. The four candidates who shall receive the highest number of votes shall then be declared members of the Board hereby created.

Fourth. Any vacancies in the Board hereby created shall be filled in the manner prescribed for the class from which the retiring member was elected.

Fifth. The officers of the Board hereby created shall be a Chairman and

Secretary, to be elected from their own number; and the Board of Directors may, upon the request of the Board hereby created, assign a clerk to such Board.

Sixth. The powers of the Board hereby created shall be only advisory, and nothing herein contained shall authorize that Board to expend the moneys of The Union League or to make any contract binding upon The Union League; but it shall, from and after the passage of these resolutions, be the duty of the Board of Directors of The Union League for the time being to refer to the Board hereby created, for consideration and report to the Board of Directors, all propositions relating to any substantial building, rebuilding or other improvement of the real property of The Union League.

Seventh. The President of The Union League shall be ex-officio a member of the Board hereby created.

The scope of the resolution was explained by Col. R. Dale Benson, for the Board, and after considerable debate was unanimously adopted.

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, the Board of Directors nominated as the candidates to be voted upon by The Union League for the Advisory Real Estate Board Henry W. Brown, James Butterworth, Christian C. Febiger, Samuel Goodman, Thomas S. Harrison, William S. Kimball, Henry G. Michener, J. E. Pennock, S. S. Sharp, E. Burgess Warren and George Watson; with the result that Messrs. S. S. Sharp, George Watson, James Butterworth and Henry G. Michener received the highest number of votes, and were therefore duly elected. The Board of Directors unanimously chose as the remaining five members of the Board Silas W. Pettit, Joseph G. Darlington, James C. Brooks, Charles E. Pugh and Edward T. Stotesbury. The Board subsequently organized with Mr. Darlington as chairman and Mr. Butterworth as secretary.

The meeting further passed a resolution authorizing the incoming Board of Directors to issue, in its discretion, all or any part of the as yet unissued $25,000 bonds issued under the terms of the $200,000 mortgage authorized by the League, to be used for the purposes in such mortgage specified.

Your Board has kept in close relation to the members, and

the action of the Advisory Real Estate Board. The task undertaken by them is of immense magnitude, and should be proceeded with in a deliberate manner. The distinctive aim of The Union League should be to create the most model club building in the country. The ground owned by it is adapted to such a structure, and the opportunities for architectural beauty are unsurpassed. The Club now has so many conveniences that no steps should be taken without prudent consideration of the expenditures involved. The increasing membership of the Club is an assurance that in time it will possess ample means to undertake the work it has in contemplation; and we feel assured that those charged by The Union League with the study and development of plans are giving to the subject adequate attention, and that when the views of the Advisory Real Estate Board are sufficiently developed, recommendations will be duly made by them.

On April 13, 1897, Charlemagne Tower, Jr., Esq., Secretary of The Union League, presented his resignation to the Board of Directors, having accepted the distinguished position of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary. His resignation was accepted on May 7, with an appropriate minute of regret. The present Secretary was elected to the position vacated by Mr. Tower on April 13, 1897, and the vacancy thereby created in the Board of Directors was filled by the selection of Mr. Henry E. Garsed, who was chairman of the Committee on Membership, and had been a member of it since 1893.

Your Board feel it a duty to express their appreciation of the very arduous duties performed by the Committee on Membership. The Union League has before recognized the patience and discrimination with which they have performed their onerous and always responsible duties.

During the past year members have been admitted at the rate of twenty-five a month. This has taxed the time, energies and judgment of the committee to the utmost.

A brief resumé of the work of the committee, consisting of

thirteen members, shows that during the fiscal year ending October 31 they held eleven meetings, with an average attendance of twelve members. They recommended for election during the fiscal year between December 1, 1896, and October 31, 1897, 259 persons for active membership (all of whom were elected by the Board), and recommended on the Army, Navy and Consular list 12 members, all of whom were elected.

It is difficult to estimate the vast amount of labor involved in the examination of the qualifications of the candidates for admission; but we feel assured that in no instance was the committee governed by any purpose other than that of acting wisely for The Union League, and a resolution indicating the appreciation of The Union League should be accorded them.

On November 30, 1896, the number of active members on your roll was		1591
During the current year the active membership was reduced by		
Persons declining and forfeiting membership,	5	
Transfers to active life membership,	58	
Resignations,	11	
Suspensions,	7	
Deaths,	27	
Members who have failed to qualify,	7	
	—	115
		1476
There have been elected between Dec. 1, 1896, and Oct. 31, 1897,		259
Making the number of active members on Oct. 31, 1897,		1735

leaving vacancies of 65, the limit being 1800.

The number of persons on the Active Life Membership Roll is 100, leaving no vacancies, the present limit being 100.

The membership is, therefore—

Active,	1735
Life,	100
Army, Navy and Consular,	42
Total,	1877

There are at present 864 applicants awaiting admission to membership.

Your Board do not deem it advisable to recommend any amendment increasing the present limit of active membership beyond 1800. They have, however, directed an amendment to be posted for your determination providing that the Active Life Membership list shall be increased from 100 to 150.

A conference was held by your Board with the Committee on Membership on February 14, 1897, and there followed a discussion upon the rules governing admission to membership in The Union League. The result of the consideration of the subject was that an amendment will be submitted for your determination which provides that

> The name, residence and occupation of every candidate for membership registered after December 31, 1897, shall be over the signature of at least two members—one as the proposer and the other as the endorser—and both shall be personally acquainted with the candidate.

It has been customary for persons frequently to apply to the Membership Committee and to the officers and directors of The Union League to be endorsed for membership. There has been a formal expression by the Board and the committee that no person should hereafter be proposed for membership to The Union League by any member of the Board or by the committee. This eliminates from the recommending and elective bodies the official endorsement of any person desiring membership.

The work of the House Committee is fully presented in the report of the chairman, Vice-President Darlington. The rapid increase of membership during the year, requiring special attention to the restaurant and a close supervision of its expense account, imposed an unusual degree of labor upon the committee. The financial features of the report show the best results for The Union League that have been secured for many years.

The total receipts from all sources, excepting entrance and life membership fees, from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897, were	$256,694 77
Cash balance December 16, 1896,	521 82
Showing total receipts as above of	257,216 59
Less expenses from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897,	256,961 87
Leaving balance on October 31, 1897, to the credit of income account of	254 72

It is necessary to state that on December 16, 1896, the date when the present House Committee took charge, the unpaid bills and accounts for supplies and equipment then due amounted to $16,257.03. This sum, in order to ascertain the actual amount of expenses incurred by the present House Committee up to the close of the present year, should be deducted from their apparent expenses for that year, which will then show the following statement:

Total receipts from Income Account and Restaurant from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897, including cash balance on hand December 16, 1896, of $521.82,	$257,216 59
Less unpaid bills and accounts as above indicated,	16,257 03
	240,959 56
Less balance in bank,	254 72
Total expenses incurred by present House Committee, or $16,511.75 less than the receipts.	240,704 84

The sales for eleven months in the restaurant, as compared with 1896, show an excess for 1897 of $9831.80.

On October 31, 1897, The Union League did not owe a bill for House, restaurant or wages account, and there were no outstanding contracts of any nature, and at the same date all membership dues had been paid.

On May 1, 1897, the table d'hote lunches were discontinued. This action was taken with the entire approval of your Board, after a most extended and exhaustive examination of the whole subject. The experience of the committee was

conclusive that the lunches were being furnished at a substantial loss to the Club. They were, therefore, not justified in continuing them under circumstances which made a large portion of the members not enjoying their convenience partially pay for the pleasure of those who did.

The property of the Club has been carefully maintained in an excellent condition during the year. Such additions to its conveniences as have been deemed necessary have been made.

Under the general direction of the House Committee a billiard tournament was held from March 17 to 30 inclusive, in the assembly room. It was an essential success in every particular, and gave general satisfaction to the members. The total attendance was 4962, and the expenses $444.36, which was considerably less than the amount appropriated for the purpose.

The chairman of the Library Committee, Vice-President Neff, has, with the aid of the librarian, Alfred Lee, Esq., completed a new catalogue, which is now in the hands of the printer, and will be distributed by January 1.

The additions to the Library have been of a substantial character, including four hundred and fifty-three new volumes, besides many pamphlets. Of the volumes, one hundred and six came from donations, among them a magnificent copy of the Boydell Shakespeare, from the estate of our late member Robert Eden Brown, Esq., and seventy-one volumes from the Hon. George F. Edmunds, whose recent gifts and subscriptions have done much to enlarge your collection of books.

The total number of volumes in the Library at the present time is about 8300, and they are accumulating at the rate of from three to five hundred volumes a year. The serious attention of The Union League is directed to the necessity in the near future of providing additional accommodations for the Library.

Your Board desire to invite your special consideration to the report of the Treasurer herewith appended, detailing the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1897.

The one object of your Board has been to expend the income in the way most advisable to secure beneficial results to the members in their use of the Club house, and at the same time reduce the existing liabilities of The Union League.

The property of The Union League now embraces, with the exception of No. 1418 Sansom Street, which is leased by the League for fifteen years from March 22, 1893, the entire block from Broad to Fifteenth Streets and from Moravian Street to Sansom Street.

Under the recommendation of the Advisory Real Estate Board, the properties Nos. 1420–2–4–6 Sansom Street and Nos. 1427–29–31 and 1433 Moravian Street, being in a dilapidated condition, were removed. The following buildings remain: Nos. 123 and 125 South Fifteenth Street, under lease expiring October 31, 1899, at $2700 per annum; No. 127 South Fifteenth Street, under lease expiring September 1, 1899, at $900 per annum; Nos. 129 and 131 South Fifteenth Street are vacant; No. 133 South Fifteenth Street, under lease expiring October 1, 1898, at $800 per annum; No. 1418 Sansom Street is occupied by the steward; 1425 Moravian Street is occupied as a laundry; and the Club Building.

The present indebtedness upon The Union League consists of $175,000 bonds of The Union League, part of an authorized issue of $200,000. Of this amount of $175,000 there have been liquidated by the Sinking Fund and other accounts $20,000, leaving the total actually outstanding $155,000, and mortgages on property at Fifteenth and Moravian Streets of $170,000, making the total amount of bonded and mortgage obligations less the Sinking Fund $325,000.

The total receipts from all sources were	$355,330 71
including the balance on December 1, 1896, amounting to $11,145.96.	
The expenditures during the fiscal year to October 31, 1897, were	345,850 38
Leaving present balances in bank of	9,480 33

Of this amount $83,704.58 went into Capital Account, made up from

Tax on active life memberships,	$29,000 00
Entrance fees,	49,400 00
Interest,	414 18
Balance on hand November 30, 1896,	4,890 40
	$83,704 58

From this Capital Account there was expended $60,000 in payment of the balance of mortgage due on the Sansom and Moravian Streets properties purchased from the Baptist Publication Society; $10,000 on account of the mortgage at Fifteenth and Moravian Streets; $5000 applied to the Sinking Fund accumulating for the payment of the $175,000 bonds outstanding, and $547 expenses in removing buildings on recommendation of Advisory Real Estate Board, making the total expenditures from Capital Account of $75,547, and leaving a balance in bank to Capital Account of $8157.58.

The remainder of the receipts were applied to the general expenditures of the League, and leave an apparent balance to Income Account of $254.72. A temporary loan of $2500 appears in the Treasurer's statement of income, which will be more than met by accrued restaurant accounts.

The Interest Account, because of the purchase of the Sansom Street and Moravian Street properties, was largely increased during the year, as was also the item of taxes. The general financial result, however, as shown above, is as satisfactory as any in the history of The Union League, there having been over $75,000 applied to the reduction of the principal of the debt.

The Finance Committee, of which Vice-President Campbell is chairman, have personally examined every voucher in the accounts of The Union League, and they have practically directed its entire expenditure.

The Finance Committee have prepared a careful statement

of the estimated receipts for 1898; leaving out admission fees and dues from active life memberships.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Half Annual Tax for October and November, 1897,	$1,500 00
Annual Tax from 1800 at $60 for 1898,	108,000 00
Billiards, Bowling, Bathing Room, Shuffleboard, Rent of Wardrobes, Interest on Deposits, Expenses and Rent of Assembly Hall,	6,990 00
Rent, Lodging Rooms,	4,500 00
Library Committee, Sale of Magazines,	75 00
Rents, Fifteenth Street Properties,	4,400 00
Playing Cards,	25 00
	$125,490 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Lodging Rooms,	$900 00
Billiards, Supplies, Wages, etc.,	4,600 00
Bowling Alley, Bathing Room and Pool, Shuffleboard, Water Rent, Advertising, Printing, Stock Indicators, Telephones, etc., Gas, Ice (cost of running plant), Soap, Soda, Brooms, Combs, Brushes, etc., Sundries, Disinfectants, Floor Polish, etc., Engrossing Resolutions, Accountant's Charges, Decorations, Plants, Flags, etc.,	8,733 00
Household Effects,	4,000 00
Library Committee,	5,000 00
Sinking Fund,	5,000 00
Interest (everything),	15,000 00
Rents, etc., 1418 Sansom Street,	800 00
Taxes on League House (including buildings torn down),	8,100 00
Repairs to League House,	5,500 00
Repairs to Household Effects,	6,000 00
Uniforms (new, cleaning, etc.), Stationery, Stamped Envelopes, etc., Temporary Insurance, Employees' Bonds, etc.,	6,800 00
Electric Light Plant, Wages, Coal, etc.,	8,700 00
Fuel, Coal, Charcoal, etc.,	5,000 00
Salaries, Board and Wages Employees,	25,000 00
Receptions, Music, Monthly Lunches, etc.,	6,000 00
Improvements,	3,000 00
Christmas Fund,	3,500 00
	$121,633 00

Leaving an apparent balance of $3857. The above esti-

mate is made independent of the restaurant, which may pay expenses, or lose possibly $2000.

A notable addition to the Art collection, which is now assuming important proportions, was made during the year by the Art Association in the presentation to The Union League of the fine military painting by P. Grolleron, one of the most prominent French artists of the school of Détaille and De Neuville. The work in question is of a very high order, and was secured at an outlay of $2592.50. This leaves the treasury of the Art Association in possession of but $18.48 with which to begin the new year.

The Association has been encouraged by the generous offer of Mr. John H. Converse to pay practically one half of the cost of a canvas by Mr. Ridgway Knight, and it has undertaken to raise $2000 apart from the regular contributions to its purposes. Towards this fund it has a sum of money as yet quite inadequate. Your Board earnestly recommends that the contributions of members may be liberally continued during 1898, so that this amount may be secured.

Your Board deemed it expedient, considering the increased expenses of The Union League resulting from the acquisition of additional property, to continue the annual tax at the same rate as heretofore.

It is the painful duty of your Board to record the death of twenty-seven members of The Union League during the year. Among them were some who have been identified with the organization for a long period of time, and several were among our well-known citizens.

William B. Bement, was born May 10, 1817. He was one of the principal machine manufacturers of Philadelphia, maintained a very high position in his special field of work, accumulated a large fortune, was a patron of the arts, and was active in public affairs. He served one term in Common Council. He was elected a member of The Union League in 1866.

William S. Baker, who was born April 17, 1824, was a

member of The Union League from 1872, and was the owner of a remarkable collection of Washingtoniana. He published several books that were generally recognized for their learning and accuracy, among which were "American Engravers and their Works" and "Character Portraits of Washington."

William H. Pancoast, M.D., was born October 16, 1834, in Philadelphia. He graduated from Haverford College in 1853 and from the Jefferson Medical College in 1856; studied subsequently in London, Vienna, Berlin and Paris; and succeeded his father, the eminent Dr. Joseph Pancoast, as Professor of Descriptive, General and Surgical Anatomy in the Jefferson Medical College. He was President of the Red Cross Society in Pennsylvania.

Peter D. Keyser, M.D., was born in Philadelphia in February, 1835. He graduated from Delaware College, and studied chemistry under Dr. F. A. Genth. He served in the army in 1861 as captain of the Ninety-first Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry. His publications upon the eye attracted attention. For twenty years he was surgeon for the Wills Eye Hospital. He was elected to membership in The Union League in 1872.

It is with sincere regret that we call the attention of the members of The Union League to the death of one of its most faithful employees, Alexander W. Gilchrist, who died February 5, 1897. He entered the service of The Union League May 17, 1869, as a porter. He became hallman about 1871, and held the position of head doorkeeper for over twenty-five years. Courteous and attentive to his duties, he endeared himself to all your members. The Board of Directors expressed their appreciation of his services by paying his funeral expenses, $180.50, and an incumbrance of $1575.95 remaining upon the house in which he resided, thereby securing a clear title to the same to his widow.

Two special receptions were given during the year by The Union League—one to the Hon. Boies Penrose, on March 12, 1897, in honor of his election to the United States Senate.

On May 14, 1897, a reception was tendered to the Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States, and his Cabinet. The League House was lavishly decorated with flowers. The President was escorted from his hotel by the President of the League and the Veteran Corps of the First Regiment of Infantry, N. G. P., under command of Colonel Theodore E. Wiedersheim. Company D, First Regiment, under command of Captain A. W. Deane, also placed itself at the disposal of The Union League as an escort during the entire evening. The thanks of the Board of Directors were extended to these two organizations for their courtesy and the imposing effect they added to the occasion.

The reception was one of the most notable in the history of The Union League. Over 2500 guests were present. The President personally expressed his appreciation of the compliment conveyed by the action of The Union League.

A general reception was held at The Union League House by the President and Board of Directors on January 1, 1897.

On February 12 a subscription dinner was had by the members of The Union League, in commemoration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

On February 22, 1897, Washington's birthday, there was a Club night, at which Charlemagne Tower, Jr., read a paper on "The Earl Cornwallis, and the Siege of Yorktown."

On March 13, 1897, a Club night, Hampton L. Carson, Esq., delivered an address to the members upon "The Curiosities of the Law."

On January 12, 1897, your Board made certain changes in the rules of the Board of Directors and in the House Rules, copies of which were distributed to members of The Union League.

One of the principal modifications of the House Rules permits the introduction of residents of the city of Philadelphia, not members, four times during the current year. This rule has been received with general approval.

Two portraits were presented during the year, one of James

W. Paul, Esq., formerly a member of The Union League, and given by his son James W. Paul, Jr., Esq., and the other a portrait of Mr. J. Frailey Smith, presented by his widow. Mr. Smith was Vice-President of The Union League during 1879 and 1880.

An oil painting by Mr. P. F. Rothermel was also presented to The Union League by Mr. Samuel H. Rothermel, entitled "Cortez' Invasion of Mexico."

The President of the United States was, in September, elected an honorary member of The Union League, accepting the same with expressions of much gratification for the honor conferred.

Your Board have had a revision made of the list of clerical members.

On November 10, 1896, the Board passed a resolution providing that the courtesies of honorary membership in the Board of Directors should be extended to all present and future ex-Presidents, and that thereafter all notices of meetings of the Board of Directors should be given to all ex-Presidents. This was done with the object of securing a continuance of the judgment of men who had acted in the highest official position in The Union League, and who could often be consulted with advantage.

Your Board have directed that the reports of the standing committees and Advisory Real Estate Board be printed for distribution in connection with this report and that of the Treasurer.

The Board desire to thank the Superintendent of The Union League, Major Albert L. Williams, and his staff of assistants for their faithful service and the attention at all times displayed by them to the requests of the members, and to the interests of The Union League.

The Union League approaches the thirty-sixth year of its existence under the most favorable circumstances. Its business affairs are in a sound and creditable condition. It has a financial policy looking to a comprehensive development of its

property; and if the conditions now existing are maintained, no limitation can be fixed upon the influence it will exert and the position of power it will attain.

The history of our nation indicates that the problem of maintaining a republican form of government did not cease with the election of Mr. McKinley. We must deal in the future as we have dealt in the past with the changes which are constantly occurring in our economic conditions and in the composition of the American race, which has been developed with marvellous rapidity out of immigrants from nations speaking different languages. From such a complex mass it is difficult to at once create a body of citizens with intelligent views and devoted to a free government. We believe it to be your conviction that the Republican party represents the moral and conservative political ideas of the nation, and that if we were to eliminate those ideas totally from our national life and governmental policy, the state would not rest upon firm foundations. It is, then, of vital importance to every citizen interested in maintaining our institutions, that this party should be earnestly supported. It is not a time when the energies of its adherents should be devoted to too keen a criticism of its measures, nor to too general a denunciation of its leaders and statesmen. The strong hand of confidence rather should be firmly extended towards it and the existing administration.

The object of the men who have been associated with The Union League, and have formulated its political expressions, has been that it should say nothing and do nothing that was not in the highest sense for the best interests of the country. It has never arrayed itself with one class against another; it has never advocated a public measure which did not appeal to sound judgment and good morals. It has always said, speaking in its aggregate capacity, "The League must do what is right." It has been unaffected by temporary waves of political emotion, and by the seductiveness with which false theories have been sometimes presented. Such a power, resting upon tradition and history, increasing in authority with every year,

must move wisely in the future. It must be endowed with the highest spirit of patriotism; and if every member will but determine that by virtue of his relationship to The Union League he pledges himself at all times and at any sacrifice to be a good citizen, and to seek to make our government strong, upright and invincible, there will be no force in the country that can accomplish more. We must, therefore, not only guard all that has been earned in the memorable battle of 1896, but, foreseeing the contingencies of the future, anticipate them, so far as is practicable, by displaying in our opinions, in the distribution of literature, and in the selection of right men, our adhesion to the soundest principles of government.

The Republican Administration is to be congratulated upon the adoption of a tariff that has begun already to exert a beneficial influence upon American industries, and there is every assurance that under its continuing effects the country will become more prosperous and a wider feeling of financial security result.

The abundant harvests of the year in our own land as against the poverty of the grain crops of Europe and India has led to vast exportations which have operated to the benefit of our people, and made the balance of trade distinctly in their favor. The discoveries of gold in the northwestern part of the continent, and the increasing activity of production in the far West and on the Pacific slope, have steadied the minds of many who felt doubt upon the subject of maintaining the gold standard. Besides, the Bimetallic Commission of this country to Europe met with such small measure of success that it is evident there is no disposition on the part of the principal European powers to agree upon a bimetallic currency upon international terms. While the silver heresy, therefore, which played such a dangerous and threatening part in the last national election still exists, and is being quietly and in an organized way encouraged, it is probable that unless there is a material change of commercial and financial conditions, it cannot be again for a considerable interval a vital issue in a momentous campaign.

Nevertheless the friends of honest money must not relax their vigilance, but united and uncompromising must resist every attack upon the gold standard.

The attention of the country is particularly directed at this juncture to the elaboration of a law that will change the existing currency system. Last January a convention of representatives of important business interests assembled at Indianapolis to consider the best method of improving our financial system. The President of The Union League was selected as the presiding officer; and after several days' deliberation it was determined to appoint a Monetary Commission of eleven persons to prepare recommendations to be presented to the President and Congress. The Union League has the honor of having two of its members appointed upon the Commission—the Hon. George F. Edmunds and the President of The Union League.

The political policy of the government has been such during the last twelve months that there has been no necessity for formal expression by The Union League of its judgment upon any public question.

Your Board venture to believe that when The Union League assembles for deliberation, it is governed by as unbiased a public spirit as can be found in any representative body in the country. It has no internal dissensions; its members are drawn from every occupation; its temper is most catholic, and its objects are to protect and advance the best interests of the citizen. Its opinion, therefore, should not be lightly expressed, and it should deal only with larger measures connected with governmental affairs; but when it gives utterance to its convictions there should be no uncertain expression, and what it says should be conscientiously considered. Too large to be affected by personal influence; never seeking political power; responsive to progressive ideas, The Union League should be the most independent public body in Pennsylvania. It should be so because of its numerical strength, its splendid history, and the honorable and patriotic men that inspire it. It will, we are

confident, endeavor to do its duty in the future, as it has in the past, and be vigilant and aggressive, at all times, to maintain and strengthen the Republic, and to give active and efficient aid in the enactment of comprehensive laws—laws that will judiciously restrict immigration; that will prevent a dishonest currency; that will encourage commerce; maintain the Federal dignity; be just to all nations, and deal amply with the growing demands of our imperial race; laws that will be animated by a spirit of justice; that will be inspired by a devotion to liberty; that will recognize neither wealth, class, nor section, and above all be dictated by wisdom and instinct with an undying love of country.

J. LEVERING JONES,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1897.

Balances, December 1, 1896:		
Income Account,	$147 91	
Capital Account,	4,890 40	
Bond Premium Account,	6,107 65	
		$11,145 96
RECEIPTS.		
Active Life Membership, 58 at $500,		$29,000 00
Entrance Fee, 247 at $200,		49,400 00
Annual Tax, 1668 at $60,	$100,080 00	
" " Half, 120 at $30,	3,600 00	
" " A., N. and C., 43 at $30,	1,290 00	
" " Rule 19, 6 at $30,	180 00	
		105,150 00
Restaurant,		139,911 41
Billiards,		4,390 46
Bowling Alley,		12 41
Bathing Room and Pool,		68 50
Shuffleboard,		17 60
Rent of Wardrobes,		312 50
Rent of Letter Boxes,		55 00
Interest on Deposits,	$535 47	
" " Capital Account,	414 18	
		949 65
Expenses,		585 29
Rent of Assembly Hall,		510 00
Rent of Lodging Rooms,		4,255 00
Bond Premium Account, Interest on,		140 08
Library Committee,		83 09
Petty Expense Account,		2,000 00
Rents, 15th and Moravian Sts.,		4,670 69
Playing Cards,		28 50
Temporary Insurance, Rebates,		83 52
McKinley Souvenir Cards,		61 05
Temporary Loans,		2,500 00
		$355,330 71

Amount brought forward,		$355,330 71

EXPENDITURES.

Annual Tax Returned,	$2,185 00	
Billiards, Supplies, Wages, etc.,	3,646 75	
Bowling Alley,	168 79	
Interest,	13,362 00	
Household Effects,	8,443 30	
Library Committee,	3,922 47	
Bathing Room and Pool, Water Rent, etc.,	199 46	
Restaurant,	143,422 22	
Lodging Rooms, Wages, etc.,	804 17	
Christmas Fund for Employees,	3,331 15	
Shuffleboard, Wages, etc.,	168 81	
Sinking Fund,	5,000 00	
Petty Expenses,	2,500 00	
Rents on Sansom and Moravian Streets Properties,	44 00	
Bond and Mortgage, Sansom and Moravian Streets Properties,	60,000 00	
Bond and Mortgage, 15th and Moravian Streets Properties,	10,000 00	
Rents, etc., 15th and Moravian Streets Properties,	5,650 66	
Bond Premium Account, invested in Union League Bonds, with premium and interest,	5,179 70	
Rent of Wardrobes, Amount Returned,	10 00	
A. W. Gilchrist, Resolution Board of Directors, Funeral Expenses,	180 50	
Title to Property 1915 Federal Street,	1,575 95	
McKinley Souvenir Cards,	146 75	
Capital Account, for amount appropriated to Advisory Real Estate Board,	547 00	
Rents, Taxes, etc., 1418 Sansom Street,	739 25	
Taxes on League House,	5,622 43	
Water Rent,	331 36	
Repairs to League House,	2,125 77	
" Household Effects,	6,256 34	
Uniforms, new, cleaning and repairing,	1,341 33	
Advertising,	86 28	
Printing,	1,552 20	
Stationery, Stamped Envelopes, etc.,	3,072 41	
Stock Indicators, Telephones, etc.,	929 49	
Electric Light Plant, Wages, Coal, etc.,	7,460 83	
Amount carried forward,		$300,006 37

Amount brought forward,		$355,330 71

EXPENDITURES CONTINUED.

Amount brought forward,	$300,006 37	
Gas,	48 40	
Fuel, Coal for heating, Wood, Charcoal,	4,201 82	
Ice, Cost of running Plant,	654 75	
Soap, Soda, Brooms, Brushes, Combs, etc.,	1,511 83	
Salaries and Wages, House Employees,	17,696 13	
Board of House Employees,	6,257 05	
Receptions, Music, monthly Lunches, etc.,	5,711 04	
Sundries, Disinfectants, Floor Polish, etc.,	869 43	
Temporary Insurance, Employees' Bonds, etc.,	2,463 43	
Engrossing Resolutions, etc.,	113 50	
Accountant's Charges, License, etc.,	418 31	
Decorations, Plants, Flags, etc.,	530 88	
Improvements,	948 70	
Presidential Election Returns, etc.,	37 50	
Architects, for services in 1896,	1,833 00	
Billiard and Pool Tournament,	350 81	
The Advisory Real Estate Board, Removing Sansom and Moravian Streets Properties,	568 40	
New Electric Bell Wiring, Indicators, etc.,	1,421 69	
Repairing, Cleaning and Varnishing Oil Paintings, etc.,	207 34	
		345,850 38
Balance,		$9,480 33

BALANCES IN BANK.

The Penn National—Income Account,	$254 72
" " Capital "	8,157 58
The Girard Life Ins., A. and T. Co—Bond Premium Account,	1,068 03
	$9,480 33

HARRY F. WEST, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, November 9, 1897.

The undersigned Auditors, appointed by the Board of Directors of The Union League of Philadelphia, report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of The Union League for the year ending October 31, 1897, compared them with the vouchers, and find them to be correct.

ABM. S. PATTERSON.
H. G. CLIFTON.
M. RIEBENACK.

OCTOBER 31, 1897.

THE UNION LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA.

LEDGER BALANCES.

Deposit for Permanent Insurance,		$306 72
Restaurant,		17,761 74
Cash:		
Bond Premium,	$1,068 03	
Income Account,	254 72	
Capital Account,	8,157 58	
		9,480 33
Household Effects,		128,201 40
Sinking Fund,		20,000 00
Cash in Drawer,		500 00
Real Estate, Broad and Sansom Streets,		491,418 72
Fifteenth and Moravian Street Properties,		212,598 40
		$880,267 31

Bonds and Mortgage,	$175,000 00
Bond Premium Account,	1,068 03
Campaign Committee, 1896,	131 19
Balance,	531,568 09
Temporary Loan,	2,500 00
Bond and Mortgage, Fifteenth and Moravian Street Properties,	170,000 00
	$880,267 31

PEPPER LIBRARY FUNDS.

G. S. Pepper Library Fund,	$21 21

G. S. PEPPER LIBRARY TRUST FUND.

Invested in Union League Bonds, 1st Series,	$2040 00	
Cash,	335 00	
		$2375 00

BOND PREMIUM ACCOUNT.

Invested in Union League Bonds, 1st series,	$5089 85
Cash,	1068 03
	$6157 88

OCTOBER 31, 1897.

HARRY F. WEST, *Treasurer.*

RESTAURANT.

Amount of sales from December 1, 1896, to November 1, 1897,	$150,377 30	
Stock on hand November 1, 1897,	9,976 76	
		$160,354 06
Stock on hand December 1, 1896,	6,427 45	
Supplies purchased since,	116,832 54	
Wages and Board of Employees,	36,068 62	
		159,328 61
Profit from December 1, 1896, to November 1, 1897,		1,025 45
Uncollectible Accounts charged off,		346 27
Net Profit,		679 18

October 31, 1897.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, *November* 9, 1897.

To the President and Board of Directors of
The Union League.

The House Committee presents the following report from December 16, 1896, to the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1897.

The receipts from entrance fees and members transferred to Active Life Membership Roll are not included in the following statement:

Total receipts from all sources, excepting Entrance and Active Life Membership fees, from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897,	$256,694 77
Cash balance, December 16, 1896,	521 82
Total receipts as per above,	$257,216 59
Less expenditures from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897,	256,961 87
Balance, October 31, 1897, to the credit of income account, deposited in Penn National Bank,	254 72

On December 16, 1896, the date the present House Committee assumed charge of the affairs of The Union League, the Superintendent presented a detailed statement of unpaid bills and accounts due amounting to $16,257.03; therefore, in order to ascertain the amount of expenses incurred by the present

House Committee, from December 16, 1896, to the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1897, should be deducted $16,257.03, due at the date the present House Committee assumed charge of the affairs of The Union League.

This would show the following statement:

Total receipts from income account and restaurant, from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897, including cash balance, December 16, 1896, of $521.82,	$257,216 59
Less unpaid bills and accounts as per above,	16,257 03
	$240,959 56
Less balance in Penn National Bank,	254 72
Total expenses incurred by present House Committee,	$240,704 84

$16,511.75 less than the receipts from December 16, 1896, to October 31, 1897.

Sales for the eleven months in the restaurant account, as compared with the same period in 1896, are as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Provisions,	$77,131 38	$84,049 56
Wines,	33,263 11	33,068 24
Cigars,	30,151 01	33,259 50
	$140,545 50	$150,377 30
		140,545 50
Excess for 1897,		$9,831 80

STATEMENT OF RESTAURANT RETURNS.

Amount of sales to October 31, 1897,		$150,377 30
Stock on hand, October 31, 1897,		9,976 76
		$160,354 06
Stock on hand, December 1, 1896,	$6,427 45	
Supplies purchased from December 1, 1896, to October 31, 1897,	116,832 54	
Wages and board of employees,	36,068 62	
		159,328 61
Profit,		$1,025 45

There has been charged off accounts due the restaurant $346.27, all of which indebtedness, with the exception of $11.76, was incurred *prior* to December 16, 1896. Therefore the amount of $346.27 should be deducted from the profit, $1025.45, which will leave a balance of $679.18 *net profit for the eleven months.*

At the close of the present fiscal year, October 31, 1897, to the best of our knowledge and belief (and attested to by the Superintendent), The Union League did not owe a bill, either for House or restaurant account, and all wages were paid in full. There were no outstanding contracts for goods or supplies to be delivered. In a word, there was no existing obligation for supplies or materials, nor any claim on the part of employees for wages, at the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1897.

During the year new rugs have been provided for the café, necessary additions to the silver and glassware of the House, a bronze handrail placed at either side of the stairway (Broad Street), and the paintings cleaned and the frames repaired.

It was found necessary to practically rewire the entire House, as the old wires were a constant source of danger. This work has been done by our employees, under the direction of Dr. Drysdale; and although the work is not entirely completed, all expense for labor and materials in connection therewith was paid in full to the close of the fiscal year, October 31, 1897.

The Christmas fund, amounting to $3065.05, was paid from the income account.

Alexander Gilchrist died February 5, 1897. Mr. Gilchrist entered the service of The Union League May 17, 1869, as a porter; and from the records it appears he was appointed hall man September 30, 1871, and held the position of head doorkeeper from that date, a period of over twenty-five years.

"Aleck," as he was familiarly known to us, endeared himself to the membership of The Union League by his uniform courtesy, faithfulness and absolute loyalty to the principles which formed the foundation of our organization. Toward

the close of the year 1896 it was very evident that Mr. Gilchrist's physical condition was such as to disqualify him from performing the active duties of his position, and your House Committee assigned him to *nominal* duty, at his regular salary of $100 per month. In order to relieve him from the draught at the doorway, he was allowed the privilege to occupy himself in the library or hall on the second floor.

As evidence that Mr. Gilchrist appreciated this consideration, he appeared before your committee, and in a most feeling manner expressed his grateful acknowledgment, and stated that "he did not know how to thank the committee sufficiently for its kindness to him, and that all he could say was, that he was very grateful and thankful." His compensation continued until his death at $100 per month, in addition to which he received his Christmas present of $100.

By direction of the Board, the funeral expenses ($180.50) of Mr. Gilchrist were paid, and the encumbrance of $1575.95 resting upon the house in which he resided was satisfied, and a clear title to the same given to the widow.

The most important function during the past year was the visit, on May 14, of His Excellency, the President of the United States.

The President was accompanied by the Vice-President and the following members of his Cabinet:

The Secretary of the Treasury,
The Secretary of War,
The Secretary of the Interior,
The Postmaster General,
The Attorney General,
The Secretary of Agriculture,
and
The Secretary to the President, J. Addison Porter.

The President was entertained at dinner in the League House, and at nine o'clock a reception was tendered, at which he met over twenty-five hundred gentlemen.

The President, personally and through his Secretary, ex-

pressed the greatest pleasure of his visit, and in a letter under date of May the 22d, his Secretary wrote:

"The remembrance of our visit to Philadelphia was in every respect delightful, and I hope our gratitude is understood by all the members of your Club."

The Committee desire to place upon record the fact, that throughout the year their efforts to conduct the affairs of The Union League to the comfort and satisfaction of the membership have been most faithfully seconded by our *valued Superintendent, Major A. L. Williams*—the gentlemen composing the *Clerical* staff—*the Steward*, and *all* other Employees. Each and all have rendered most conscientious and painstaking service.

In closing this report, the Committee wish to express to the Board of Directors, and the entire membership, their appreciation of the uniform courtesy and consideration that has been extended to them.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH G. DARLINGTON,

Chairman.

REPORT

OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PHILADELPHIA, *November* 15, 1897.

To the President and Board of Directors of
The Union League.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Finance Committee respectfully report that they have made as careful an estimate as possible of the estimated receipts and expenses for the year 1898. From this the estimated receipts are $125,490, the estimated expenses $121,633, leaving an apparent balance of $3857. The above estimate is made independent of the restaurant, which may result in a profit or a loss, but is expected, as it has done in the past, to show a small profit.

We refer to the Treasurer's reports, which, as usual, are most full and complete, and summarize the debt of the League as of October 31, 1897, as follows:

Mortgage on House,		$200,000	
Less in hands of the Trustee unsold,	$25,000		
Purchased and held account Sinking Fund,	20,000		
		45,000	
Net amount outstanding,			155,000
Mortgage on the properties on Sansom, Fifteenth and Moravian Streets,			170,000
Making the total debt, less securities held in the Sinking Fund,			$325,000

As the debt last year was $415,000, less $15,000 held in the sinking fund, the net decrease during the year has been $75,000, with the probability of the mortgage on the Sansom, Fifteenth and Moravian streets properties being further reduced $10,000 before the 1st of December. This gratifying result has been mainly produced by the operation of the life membership and the additional members, the initiation fees of which were pledged for this purpose.

Your committee, after a most careful consideration of the entire subject, cannot see any way of further continuing to reduce this indebtedness except—

1. By an increase in the active life membership.
2. By an increase in the active membership.
3. By an increase in the annual dues.
4. By so operating the restaurant as to secure a steady and handsome profit.

During the year your committee have held fifteen meetings, and examined vouchers aggregating the sum of $270,123.68.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD I. SMITH,

Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY AND PUBLICATION

TO THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNION LEAGUE,

For the Year ending October 31, 1897

Gentlemen:—The efforts of your committee during the past year have been largely directed towards carrying out the excellent suggestions embodied in the annual reports of their immediate predecessors; and the policy of the past has been steadily maintained, in not merely accumulating volumes, but in developing our library harmoniously in all important fields of human thought and interest, so as to meet, as far as possible, the varied needs of our members. With this end in view, many defective sets of valuable works have been completed; and the income of the Pepper fund has been fully expended, being devoted to works of standard value, and in maintaining important publications of a serial nature originally purchased from this fund.

The total number of volumes added, 520, besides many pamphlets, is somewhat beyond our average. Of these 116 were obtained by donation, including the magnificent Boydell Shakespeare from the estate of our late member Robert Eden Brown, Esq.; and we must here also cordially acknowledge the repeated kindness of the Hon. George F. Edmunds, whose recent gifts of the Annals of Congress and Congressional Debates, a rare set of seventy-one volumes, covering the period from 1789 to 1837, do much to strengthen our collection.

Judging from the last few years, the growth of the library will continue at the rate of from three hundred to five hundred volumes a year; and this leads your committee to urge upon the serious attention of the incoming Board the importance, or rather necessity, of making suitable provision for this increase.

The addition to the furniture of the library of another large table with book-shelves has temporarily met the difficulty; but the available space in the reading-room, chess-room and hall-way is now about exhausted, and the time seems to have come to consider the propriety of providing accommodations of a permanent character, and on a more ample scale than heretofore.

We would suggest that by placing cases in the banquet-room or assembly hall the question could be met for many years to come, without marring the beauty of those rooms.

Apropos of this subject, it is also highly important that a special fire-proof room should be provided for the books and papers of all kinds appertaining to the office, reserving the small room known as the library annex, or store-room, exclusively for its original purpose.

A matter which has especially engaged the attention of your committee has been the preparation of a new printed catalogue. Although long needed, yet the library can scarcely be said to have been sufficiently ripe for it until the present year. It was hoped it would be entirely finished at this time; but we are glad to announce that it is now about to go into the printer's hands, and all expenses of its publication can be met from the balance of our annual appropriation.

Further details relating to the condition of the library will be found in an appendix hereto attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. NEFF,

Chairman.

APPENDIX TO REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Present number of volumes in library, exclusive of duplicates, 8331; number added during the year, 520, divided as follows:

Works of Reference,	39
History,	100
Biography,	40
Fiction,	92
Poetry and Drama,	26
Essays,	14
Fine Arts,	3
Science and Useful Arts,	8
Voyages and Travels,	16
Sociology,	119
Philosophy and Religion,	4
Translations,	47
Magazines bound,	12

Of the above there were obtained by purchase 404, by donation 116. A list of donations, including 81 unbound volumes, pamphlets, etc., is appended. The United Service Magazine is no longer published. No important changes have been made in our subscription list of periodicals, but the increase in our membership has necessitated taking a larger number of copies of many of the daily papers.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS TAKEN BY SUBSCRIPTION.

FOREIGN.

WEEKLY.

London Illustrated News.	Spectator.
London Graphic.	Athenæum.
Sporting and Dramatic News.	Saturday Review.
Punch.	Le Monde Illustré.
Truth.	Le Figaro (daily).
London Times (weekly and daily).	Illustrated Zeitung.
Field and Farm.	Fliegende Blätter.

MONTHLY.

Nineteenth Century.
Blackwood's.
Chambers' Journal.
Fortnightly Review.
Westminster Review.
Contemporary.
Longman's.
Macmillan's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Badminton.
Art Journal.
Cosmopolis.
Notes and Queries.
Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review (quarterly).
Revue des Deux Mondes (fortnightly).

AMERICAN.

WEEKLY.

Harper's Weekly.
Leslie's Weekly.
Illustrated American.
American Field.
Spirit of the Times.
Sporting Life.
Forest and Stream.
Rider and Driver.
Judge.
Life.
Puck.
Scientific American.
" " Supplement.
The Argonaut.
The Nation.
Financial and Commercial Chronicle.
Commercial List and Price Current.
Bradstreet's.
American Economist.
Railway World.
Iron Age.
Army and Navy Journal.
" " Register.
Public Opinion.
The Outlook.
Littell's Living Age.
Publisher's Weekly.
The Critic.
Literary Digest.
Legal Intelligencer (by donation).
Quaker City Guide.

MONTHLY.

Harper's.
Century.
Scribner's.
Lippincott's.
The Atlantic Monthly.
North American Review.
New England Magazine.
Popular Science Monthly.
American Naturalist.
Outing.
Review of Reviews.
Cosmopolitan.
Munsey's.
McClure's.
Forum.
Arena.
University Magazine.
Recreation.
Literary Journal.
" News.
Journal of Military Service Institution (bi-monthly).
Political Science Quarterly.
Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography (quarterly).
American Historical Review (quar'y).
" " Register.
Appleton's Railroad Guide.
Postal Guide.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.
" Press (daily and Sun.).
" Times " "
" Inquirer" "
" Record " "
" North American.
" Evening Telegraph.
" " Bulletin.
" " Star.
" " Call.
" " Daily News.
" Taggart's Times (Sun.).
" Dispatch "
" World "
" Stockholder.
" Germantown Telegraph (weekly).
Boston Morning Journal (daily).
" Daily Advertiser "
Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette "
Atlanta Constitution "
Washington Evening Star (daily).
Baltimore American (daily and Sun.).
New York Tribune " "
" Times " "
" Herald " "
" Sun " "
" World " "
" Journal and Advertiser (daily and Sunday).
" Press (daily and Sunday).
" Post (daily).
" Mail and Express (daily).
" Commercial Advertiser "
" Stockholder "
" Commercial Bulletin "
Denver Republican "
San Francisco Chronicle (daily and Sunday).
St. Louis Globe-Democrat (daily and Sunday).
Chicago Inter-Ocean (daily and Sun.).

YEARLY.

Baltimore City Directory.
Chicago City Directory.
New York City Directory.
Philadelphia City Directory.
" Business Directory (Boyd's).
" Business Directory (Gopsill's).
" Blue Book.
Army and Navy Year Book.
Annual Literary Index.
Statesman's Year Book.
The Annual Register.
Hazell's Annual.
The Annual Cyclopædia.
Poor's Manual.
Whitaker's Almanac.
New York Tribune Almanac.
New York World Almanac.
Almanach de Gotha.
Brassey's Naval Annual.
Handbook of R. R. Securities (semi-annual).

SUMMARY OF PERIODICALS.

	BY SUBSCRIPTION.	DONATION.
Foreign and Domestic Dailies, ...	35	8
" " " Weeklies, ...	64	48
" " " Monthlies and Quarterlies, .	43	28
" " " Yearlies, ...	20	9

Total, 255.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

	DONOR.	
Consular Reports, Nos. 194–205, 12 nos. .	United States Government.	
General Index to Monthly Consular Reports, Nos. 152–203.	"	"
Money and Prices in Foreign Countries—Special Consular Reports, vol. xiii. Part 2.	"	"
Catalogues of Public Documents, issued monthly, Nos. 22–33, 12 nos. . . .	"	"
Report of Quartermaster General for 1896. .	"	"
Report of Commissioner of Education for 1894–95, 2 vols.	"	"
" " 1895–96, 1 vol.	"	"
Report of Senate Committee, Dec. 21, 1896, on Recognition of Cuban Independence.	"	"
Report of Smithsonian Institution for 1894–1895.	"	"
Report of Director of the Mint on the Production of Precious Metals in U. S. in 1895.	"	"
Report of Director of the Mint, 1896. . .	"	"
Review of the World's Commerce, 1895–96. .	"	"
Tenth Annual Report of Interstate Commerce Commission.	"	"
Report of Chief of Ordnance for 1896. . .	"	"
Report of Commissioner appointed by National Academy of Sciences on "A Forest Policy," May 1, 1897.	"	"
Annual Reports of U. S. Civil Service Commission, 2, 10, 12, 13. 4 vols. . . .	"	"
	(Kindness of Hon. H. H. Bingham.)	
Eleventh Census of United States—Farms, Houses, etc.	United States Government.	
Vital and Social Statistics. Parts II. and IV.	"	"
Insane, Deaf, Dumb and Blind. . . .	"	"
Population. Part II.	"	"
	(Kindness of Hon. Robert Adams, Jr.)	
Army Register for 1897.	United States Government.	
Speech of Mr. Adams on the Tariff, March 24, 1897.	"	"
Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies. Series I., vols. iv. and v. .	"	"
Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 1789–1897. Vols. iii. iv. v.	"	"
Navigation Laws of United States, 1895. .	"	"
Tests of Metals, 1895.	"	"
	(Kindness of Hon. Boise Penrose.)	

Congressional Directories.	United States Government.
Chart of Alaska.	" "
United States Customs Laws from 1789–1895.	Hon. Eugene Hale.
Catalogues of Vocal and Instrumental Music.	O. Ditson Co.
Columbia University, N. Y., Bulletins, Nos. XV., XVI., XVII.	Columbia University.
Catalogue of the University, 1896–97. . .	" "
President Low's Annual Report for 1896. .	" "
Illustrated Account of the University. .	" "
Catalogues and Announcements of University of Pennsylvania, for 1896–97. . . .	Univ. of Pennsylvania.
The Dawes Commission and the Five Civilized Tribes of Indian Territory. . .	Indian Rights Association.
Fourteenth Annual Report.	" " "
Let there be no Backward Step. . . .	" " "
Importance of Retaining Dr. Hailmann. .	" " "
Indian School Management.	" " "
A Response to Senator Pettigrew. . . .	" " "
Early Moravian Indian Work. . . .	" " "
Civilization's Lesson to Barbarism. . .	" " "
Annals of Congress, 1789–1824. 42 vols. .	Hon. George F. Edmunds.
Debates and Proceedings of Congress, 29 vols.	" " "
Monthly Bulletins of Mercantile Library of Philadelphia.	Mercantile Library.
An Appeal to Professing Christians. . .	Friends' Book Store.
Time Tables.	N. E. Railway of England.
International Prejudice. Address by Rt. Hon. G. J. Goschen, M. P., 22d Oct. 1896.	Unknown.
Music in Philadelphia, and the Musical Fund Society. L. C. Madeira.	Harry F. West, Esq.
One Hundred Years, 1796–1896. . . .	Amer. Type Founders' Co.
Almanacs for 1897.	Public Ledger.
" "	The Times.
The Home Squadron under Commodore Conner, 1846–47. Philip S. P. Conner. . .	The Author.
The Castle of San Juan de Uloa and the Topsy-Turveyists. P. S. P. Conner. . .	"
Italian Slavery in America.	C. C. Moreno, Esq.
Report of the Agri. and Mech. College for the Colored Race, at Greensboro', N. C. .	The College.
An Academic Study on the Partition of the Turkish Empire. By an Anglo-Indian. .	Unknown.
The Monetary Convention at Indianapolis, Jan. 1897.	"

Annual Report of City Controller for 1896. .	Capt. John M. Walton.
Philadelphia's Better Self.	Y. M. C. A.
Bulletins of the Philadelphia Library.. .	James B. Barnwell, Esq.
Life and Character of Stephen Girard. Henry A. Ingram.	The Author.
The Three Signers from Delaware. H. C. Conrad.	Sons of Delaware.
Account of the Jaudun Family. Edwin J. Sellers.	The Author.
Commemoration of Washington's Birthday.	Union League Club, Chicago.
Illustrated Catalogue of Third Hundred of Paintings in Sedelmeyer Gallery, Paris. .	M. Ch. Sedelmeyer.
Sixth Annual Report of Philadelphia Bourse.	The Bourse.
Diomed.	Hon. John Russell Young.
A Half Hour with the Viceroy. Mrs. John Russell Young.	" " "
Unveiling of Memorial to Gen. Garfield. .	Fairmount Park Art Assoc'n.
Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Fairmount Park Art Association.	" " " "
Facts about Wall Street Brokers. . . .	C. B. Greene, Esq.
Corporation Acts of New Jersey. . . .	N. J. Corp. G. and Tr. Co.
Who Invented the Reaper? R. B. Swift. .	McCormick Machine Co.
Origin and Development of Steam Navigation. G. H. Preble.	L. R. Hamersly & Co.
Catalogue of Pennsylvania Military College for 1897.	Col. John P. Nicholson.
Trif and Trixy. John Habberton. . .	Henry Altemus, Esq.
The Post-Office at Philadelphia, 1893–97. .	W. W. Carr, Esq.
Register of Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution, for 1897..	E. A. Weaver, Esq.
The Alabama and the Kearsarge. F. M. Edge.	Henry McConnell, Esq.
Oration at Unveiling of Statue to Stephen Girard, May 20, 1897. By James M. Beck, Esq.	The Author.
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Smull's Legislative Handbook. . . .	Col. James H. Lambert.
A Handbook on the Annexation of Hawaii. Lorin A. Thurston, Esq.	The Author.
Impressions of Turkey during Twelve Years' Wanderings. W. M. Ramsay. . . .	Rev. Dr. A. J. Sullivan.
The English Constitution and other Political Essays. Walter Bagehot.	" "

JOSEPH S. NEFF,

Chairman.

REPORT

OF

THE ADVISORY REAL ESTATE BOARD.

To the President and Board of Directors of
The Union League.

GENTLEMEN:—The Advisory Real Estate Board presents the following report:

Five meetings have been held since the organization on April 15, 1897.

In compliance with the recommendation of this Board, the Board of Directors, at their meeting July 14, authorized the removal of properties 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426 Sansom Street, and 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433 Moravian Street.

The work has been done under the direction of the House Committee, the space enclosed with a fence on Sansom Street and Moravian Street, and the pavement on each street relaid, at a total cost of $547.

The following houses remain:

123–125 S. Fifteenth Street, occupied by D. McGowan, lease expires Oct. 31, 1899.

127 S. Fifteenth Street, occupied by D. D. L. Farson, lease expires Sept. 1, 1899.

129 S. Fifteenth Street, not occupied.

131 S. Fifteenth Street, not occupied.

133 S. Fifteenth Street, occupied by C. L. Dexter, lease expires Oct. 1, 1898.

No. 1418 Sansom Street, adjoining the League, is occupied

by the Steward. The League is a tenant of this property under a fifteen years' lease, made March 22, 1893.

1425 Moravian Street is occupied as a laundry.

The subject of improvement to the League property, or what is the best disposition to make of the property recently acquired, has received most careful and earnest consideration.

Presuming that it is the wish of the membership to retain all the property they now own, and also, it is their wish that, at some time in the near future, a new Club House shall be erected, the Advisory Board has been occupied in the preparation of a form of invitation to architects, which in due time will be submitted for consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH G. DARLINGTON,

Chairman.

In Memoriam.

In Memoriam.

Abbey, William R.,	Sept. 5, 1897.
Abbott, James,	April 17, 1897.
Baker, William S.,	Sept. 8, 1897.
Bement, William B.,	Oct. 6, 1897.
Berry, George,	Jan. 12, 1897.
Bilyeu, Frazer P.,	May 14, 1897.
Blair, John C.,	June 23, 1897.
Blakeley, John,	Oct. 1, 1897.
Brown, T. Horace,	May 18, 1897.
Brown, Robert Eden,	Jan. 18, 1897.
Bumm, Henry,	June 19, 1897.
Burr, William B.,	Jan. 18, 1897.
Felsenheld, D.,	July 8, 1897.
Gumpper, Jacob J.,	Jan. 31, 1897.
Hetherington, Guy S.,	July 14, 1897.
Hurst, William J.,	Jan. 5, 1897.
Kellogg, Henry C., Jr.,	Dec. 11, 1896.
Keyser, Peter D., M.D.,	March 9, 1897.
Lewis, R. B.,	Dec. 18, 1896.
Monroe, John T.,	Sept. 26, 1897.
Pancoast, William H., M.D.,	Jan. 5, 1897.
Page, Joseph F.,	Nov. 6, 1896.
Ranney, Charles H.,	Feb. 15, 1897.
Rhodes, Courtlandt,	June 12, 1897.
Rothermel, Samuel H.,	Jan. 21, 1897.
Wattson, Thomas,	Jan. 18, 1897.
Yardley, J. Martin,	Oct. 13, 1897.

ARMY, NAVY AND CONSULAR ROLL.

Meade, Rear-Admiral Richard W., U.S.N.,	May 14, 1897.

RESIGNATIONS.

Campbell, J. D.,	Oct. 12, 1897.
Durant, F. C.,	Jan. 12, 1897.
Geisse, Henry A.,	Aug. 11, 1897.
Jamison, John,	March 9, 1897.
Jones, Charles S., D.D.S.,	Jan. 12, 1897.
Lebrenz, W. R.,	Nov. 28, 1896.
Shirk, Henry R.,	Jan. 12, 1897.
Spreckels, Claus,	Jan. 12, 1897.
Traquair, James,	Nov. 28, 1896.
White, William R.,	Nov. 29, 1896.
Wright, Theodore,	March 9, 1897.